

Recommended Reading

This list includes a sampling of books about or relating to the U. S. Constitution, government, civic issues, rights, responsibilities, and community involvement. You may be interested in using them in your class or in recommending them to students for outside reading. Books are divided by kindergarten, elementary, and junior high/high school. Reading levels may vary.

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Grade Level: Kindergarten

Subject: Rights and Responsibilities-Getting Along With Others

<i>My Friend and I</i>	National Geographic
<i>In My Family</i>	National Geographic
<i>A New School</i>	National Geographic
<i>Class Teddy Bear</i>	National Geographic
<i>In My Bag</i>	National Geographic
<i>Our New Puppy</i>	National Geographic
<i>Class Rules</i>	National Geographic
<i>Our Teacher</i>	National Geographic
<i>We Are Special</i>	Newbridge
<i>Families</i>	Newbridge
<i>Growing Up</i>	Newbridge
<i>Here I Am</i>	Newbridge
<i>Needs</i>	Newbridge
<i>Rules</i>	Newbridge
<i>What Families Do</i>	Newbridge
<i>In Our Classroom</i>	Rigby
<i>Friends</i>	Rigby
<i>Look at the House</i>	Rigby
<i>My Clothes</i>	Rigby
<i>Time For Play</i>	Rigby
<i>House</i>	Rigby
<i>Our New House</i>	Rigby
<i>Our House Is A Safe house</i>	Rigby
<i>Houses and Homes</i>	Rigby
<i>Families and Feasts</i>	Rigby
<i>Houses and Homes</i>	Rigby
<i>Living With Others</i>	Rigby
<i>Living and Growing</i>	Rigby
<i>Taking Care of Ourselves</i>	Rigby
<i>Our Clothes</i>	Rigby
<i>Me</i>	Rigby
<i>Mom</i>	Rigby
<i>Dad</i>	Rigby
<i>A House</i>	Rigby
<i>Moms and Dads</i>	Rigby
<i>Look at Me</i>	Rigby
<i>The Way I Go To School</i>	Rigby
<i>Families Around Us Series</i>	Rigby
<i>People Around Us Series</i>	Rigby
<i>Families Series</i>	Capstone
<i>People Series</i>	Capstone

Subject: My Community At Work

At Work
City Signs
Our Community Series
We Need Custodians
We Need Librarians
We Need Principals
We Need teachers
Field Trip to the Doctor's Office
Field Trip To the Farm
Field Trip To The Fire Station
Field Trip to the Supermarket
Helpers In Our Community Series
Community Helpers Series

Newbridge
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Capstone
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Grade Level: Elementary**Subject: The U. S. Constitution**

... If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution
Censorship (First Constitution Books)
Our Constitution (I Know America)
Our Independence and the Constitution
Separation of Church and State (First Constitution Books)
Shh! We're Writing the Constitution
State's Rights (First Constitution Books)
The Constitution
The Constitution
The Constitution (Cornerstones of Freedom)
The Constitution (Government in Action!)
The Constitution (True Books: Government)
The U.S. Constitution and You
The US Constitution
US Constitution Reproducible Activity Book
Your Right to Privacy (First Constitution Books)

Elizabeth Levy
C.L. Taylor
Linda Carlson Johnson
Dorothy Candfield Fisher
Irene Kleeberg
Jean Fritz
John E. Batchelor
Peter P Sgroi and Richard Brandon Morris
Warren Coleman
Marilyn Prolman
John Hamilton
Patricia Ryon Quiri
Syl Sobel
Michael Teitelbaum
Carole Marsh
Dorothy Hoobler and Thomas Hoobler

Subject: My Country

Eleanor
The Story of The Statue of Liberty
The Adventures of Capitol Kitty
Statue of Liberty
What Freedom Means to Me: A Flag Day Story
Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Jellybeans: A Fourth of July Story
My Flag
Fourth of July
Places to Visit
More Places to Visit
President's Day
Veteran's Day
Memorial Day
This is America
Flags Flying

Barbara Cooney
Betsy & Giulio Maestro
Sharon Davis
Lucille Penner
Heather French Henry
Heather French Henry
Newbridge
Newbridge
National Geographic
National Geographic
Heineman
Heineman
Heineman
Newbridge
Newbridge

Subject: My School Community

*Helpers In Our Community Set
 Communities
 Class Rules
 At School
 Where Is It Safe to Play?
 This Is My Friend
 A New School
 Our Teachers
 Firefighters
 Doctors
 New Friends
 My Neighborhood
 Rules
 My Walk Home
 Living With Others
 This Is My Street
 Neighborhoods
 My Friend and I
 A New School
 Class Teddy Bear
 Class Calendar
 Let's Visit the Post Office
 Let's Visit the Police Station
 Let's Visit the Supermarket
 Let's Visit the Fire Station
 Let's Visit the Library
 Let's Visit the Bank
 You're a Community Helper
 Old Friends, New Friends
 The Way I Go to School
 My Friends
 School Days
 Social Studies Alive, My School & Family
 Daisy the Firecow
 Come to the Doctor Harry
 Rules
 In Our Classroom
 People Around Us Pack
 The Playground
 We Care For Our School*

Subject: My Neighborhood and Community

A Good Place to Live
A Community Helper
Reading Maps
Signs
Volunteers
We Vote
Let's Visit Series of Our Community
Our Neighborhood Series; Ask a _____
In The Country, In The City
Helpers In Our Community
Field Trips In Our Community
Field Trips In Our Community
Communities
Community Helper Series
Friends and Neighbors Series
Franklin's Neighborhood

National Geographic
 Heinemann
 Newbridge
 Newbridge
 Newbridge
 Newbridge
 Newbridge
 Grolier
 Rigby
 Capstone
 Capstone
 Capstone
 Capstone
 Capstone
 Scholastic
 Pulette Bourgeois

Subject: Rights and Responsibilities

Learning About Authority
Learning About Responsibility
Fair Bears Learn About Justice
Class Rules
At School
A New School
Rules
Living With Others
Tolerance
Respect
Learning About Responsibility
The Zookeeper Learns About Responsibility
Kids Are Citizens
I Don't Want To Go Back To School
Teach Us Amelia Bedelia
What The Principal Does When Nobody's Looking
The Teacher From The Black Lagoon
Miss Nelson Is Missing
Never Ride Your Elephant To School
The Bear's Vacation
Yolanda's Yellow Bus
School Bus
Three Kind Mice
The Wacky Rulebook
No Dogs Allowed
Rules
Spoiled Rotten
Bonaparte
The Big Box
The Table Where Rich People Sit
Fanny's Dream (honesty)
The Armadillo From Amarillo (respect)
Miss Rumphius (responsibility)
The Three Little Pigs and the Fox (responsibility)
Believing Sophie (honesty)
Ruby Mae Has Something to Say (courage)
A Chair For My Mother (self discipline)
The Emperor's New Clothes
The Terrible thing That Happened At Our House (fairness)

Center For Civic Education
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 Marisabina Russo
 Peggy Parrish
 Jim Grant, Ivy Richardson
 M.Thaler
 Harry Allard
 I. Johnston
 Stan and Jan Berenstain
 Kelly Asbury
 Donald Crews
 Vivian Sathre
 Joe Ewers
 M.B. Christian
 Marty Kelley
 Barthe DeClements
 Marsha Wilson Chall
 Toni Morrison
 Byrd Baylor
 Carolyn Buehner
 Cherry Lynn
 Barbara Cooney
 William Hooks
 H.J.Hutchins
 David Small
 Vera Williams
 Hans C. Anderson
 Margie Blaine

<i>Boundless Grace (courage)</i>	Mary Hoffman
<i>Henry's Baby (responsibility)</i>	Mary Hoffman
<i>Kenji and the Magic Geese (courage)</i>	Ryerson Johnson
<i>Meet Danitra Brown (loyalty)</i>	Nikki Grimes
<i>When I Was Young in the Mountains (compassion)</i>	Cynthia Rylant
<i>Alexander...Bad Day (responsibility)</i>	Judith Viorst
<i>Alexander, Who's Not Going to Move (courage)</i>	Judith Viorst
<i>I'll Fix Anthony (fairness)</i>	Judith Viorst
<i>Piggins (honesty)</i>	Jane Yolen
<i>Night Tree (caring)</i>	Eve Bunting
<i>Smoky Night (respect)</i>	Eve Bunting
<i>Harvey Shumfenburger's Christmas Present (responsibility)</i>	JohnBeuniorgham
<i>Be Good to Eddie Lee (getting along, disabilities)</i>	Virginia Fleming
<i>Arthur's computer Disaster (self-discipline)</i>	Marc Brown
<i>Class Rules</i>	National Geographic
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Subject: My Community Today

<i>Night In The Country</i>	Cynthia Rylant
<i>The Race For President-Elections</i>	Leigh H. Wood
<i>I Read Symbols</i>	Tonya Hoban
<i>A Picture Book of MLK</i>	David Adler
<i>If You Lived At the time of MLK</i>	Ellen Levine
<i>A Good Place to Live</i>	National Geographic
<i>Our Town</i>	National Geographic
<i>My Town At Work</i>	National Geographic
<i>A City Grows</i>	Newbridge
<i>We Vote</i>	Newbridge
<i>A Suburban Community</i>	National Geographic
<i>Communities Across America Today</i>	National Geographic
<i>Kids Are Citizens</i>	National Geographic
<i>Social Studies Alive; My Community and My Community and Beyond</i>	TCI
<i>Kids Communicate</i>	National Geographic
<i>Volunteers</i>	Newbridge
<i>Kids Career Series</i>	Newbridge
<i>Volunteering to Help Kids Series</i>	Grolier
<i>Volunteering to Help Seniors Series</i>	Grolier
<i>Living In Our Communities</i>	Stech-Vaughn
<i>Communities</i>	Wright Group
<i>Communities</i>	Capstone
<i>All Kinds of Communities</i>	Scholastic
<i>The American Family Farm</i>	Joan Anderson
<i>Extraordinary Black Americans from Colonial to Contemporary Times</i>	Susan Avery
<i>Landslide! A Kid's guide to the U.S. Elections</i>	Dan Gutman
<i>The Elections in the United States</i>	David Heath
<i>Think of Those In Need</i>	Stan and Jan Berenstain

Subject: Early Kentucky: First Kentuckians

<i>Native American Legends</i>	
<i>The Shawnees</i>	Laurie O'Neill
<i>The Cherokee Indians</i>	Nicole Clara
<i>Two Cultures Meet: Native American and European</i>	National Geographic
<i>Blue Feather's Vision</i>	
<i>My Heart Is On the Ground</i>	(Dear America Series)

Standing In the Light
Kentuckians Before Boone

(Dear America Series)
Gwynn Henderson

Subject: Early Kentucky: Exploration and The Frontier

<i>Bess's Log Cabin Quilt</i>	Ann Love
<i>The Buffalo Knife</i>	William Steele
<i>Frontier Living</i>	Edwin Tunis
<i>Next Spring an Oriole</i>	Gloria Whelan
<i>Little Obie and the Flood</i>	Elsie Lennox
<i>A Birthday for Blue</i>	Kerry Raines Lydon
<i>A Clearing in the Forest</i>	Joanne Landers Henry
<i>A Tree in the Forest</i>	Jan Thornhill
<i>As the Crow Flies, A First Book of Maps</i>	Gail Hartman
<i>Daniel Boone and the Wilderness Road</i>	Catherine Chambers
<i>Flatboats On The Ohio</i>	Catherine Chambers
<i>The Golly Sisters Go West</i>	Betsy Byars
<i>Geography for Every Kid</i>	Janice Van Cleve
<i>Maps and Globes</i>	Ray Broekel
<i>Pioneers</i>	Dennis Fraden
<i>Pioneers</i>	Martin Sandler
<i>The Water's Journey</i>	Elenore Schmid
<i>Wonders of Rivers</i>	Rae Bains
<i>Early Family Home</i>	Bobbie Kalman
<i>Early Settler Children</i>	Bobbie Kalman
<i>Early Settler Storybook</i>	Bobbie Kalman
<i>Frontier Home</i>	Raymond Bial
<i>Huskings, Quilting and Barn Raisings</i>	Victoria Sherrow
<i>Log Cabin Home</i>	Catherine Chambers
<i>Ox-Cart Man</i>	Donald Hall
<i>Pioneer Children of Appalachia</i>	Joan Anderson
<i>Sam Johnson and the Blue Ribbon Quilt</i>	Lisa Campbell Earnst
<i>The Sod House</i>	Elizabeth Coatsworth
<i>Tree of Freedom</i>	Rebecca Coatsworth
<i>Where Lincoln Walked</i>	Raymond Bial
<i>Who Came Down that Road</i>	George Ella Lyon
<i>Bewildered for Three Days: As To Why Daniel Boone Never Wore His Coonskin Cap</i>	Andrew Glass

Subject: Kentucky Regions and Culture

<i>Coal Miners Bride</i>	(Dear America Series)
<i>Kentucky Folklore</i>	Gerald Alvey
<i>Mist Over the Mountains: Appalachia and It's People</i>	Raymond Bial
<i>Kentucky</i>	Capstone
<i>Kentucky Home Place</i>	Lee Dew
<i>America the Beautiful – Kentucky</i>	Grolier
<i>Kentucky – Sea to Shining Sea</i>	Grolier
<i>A is for Appalachia</i>	Linda Hager
<i>Customs and Traditions</i>	Bobby Kalman, Tammy Everts
<i>Here and Then</i>	George Ella Lyon
<i>Mama is a Mine</i>	George Ella Lyon
<i>The Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln</i>	Michael McCurdy
<i>B is For Bluegrass, A Kentucky Alphabet</i>	Mary Ann McCabe Riehle
<i>Appalachia: The Voices of Sleeping Birds</i>	Cynthia Rylant
<i>An Appalachian Mother Goose</i>	James Still
<i>Mary on Horseback: Three Mountain Stories</i>	Rosemary Wells
<i>Mary Todd Lincoln: Girl of the Bluegrass</i>	Katharine Wilkie
<i>Freedom's Wings: Corey's Diary: Kentucky to Ohio</i>	Sharon Dennis Wyeth

Subject: Constitution and the Young Republic

The Congress of the United States

Elections in the U. S.

The Presidency of the U. S.

The Supreme Court of the U. S.

We the Kids

We the People

A Young Person's Collection of Historic America

The Story of the White House

Washington D. C.

The White House

Your Right to Vote

Capstone

Capstone

Capstone

Capstone

David Cartow

Betsy & Giulio Maestro

Scholastic

Scholastic

Steck Vaughn

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Subject: Presidents/Government

A Three-Minute Speech- Lincoln's Remarks at Gettysburg

Woodrow, The White House Mouse

House Mouse, Senate Mouse

Marshall, The Courthouse Mouse

The White House (Illustrated Tour)

Class President

Big Book of U.S. Presidents

Jennifer Armstrong

Peter and Cheryl Barnes

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Peter and Cheryl Barnes

Bill Harris

Johanna Hurwitz

Victoria Sherrow

True Book Series

The Bill of Rights

Congress

The Constitution

The Declaration of Independence

The Presidency

The Supreme Court

From Sea to Shining Sea (Washington D. C.)

America Government Today Series

Congress

The Presidency

The Supreme Court

Rigby

Rigby

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Steck-Vaughn

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Junior High/High School

Subject: Democracy and the U. S. Constitution: Origins, Critiques, Explanations

We, the Jury: The Jury System and the Ideal of Democracy
The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution
Social Contract

The Principles of Morals and Legislation
The Constitution and the Founding of America
Reflections on the Revolution in France
Democracy in America

Private v. public right (Lesson Plans on the Constitution)
Quarrels That Have Shaped the Constitution
A History of US
*What You Should Know about the US Constitution and the Men
who wrote it*
Man and Citizen
Leviathan
The Federalist Papers

The US Constitution: And Fascinating Facts About It
The Origins of the American Constitution : A Documentary History
Original Intent and the Framers' Constitution
The Second Treatise of Government
A Letter Concerning Toleration
Notes of Debates in the Federal Convention
*Novus Ordo Seclorum : The Intellectual Origins of the
Constitution*

We the People : The Economic Origins of the Constitution
On Liberty
Common Sense
Rights of Man

*Lessons on the Constitution: Supplements to High School
Courses in American History, Government, and Civics*

The Portable Thomas Jefferson
Interpreting the Constitution : The Debate over Original Intent
The Social Contract
The Roots of the Bill of Rights
*Declaring Freedom: A Look at the Declaration of Independence,
the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution*
*Without a Constitution,: A play in one act for junior high or high
school*

*Becoming Informed Citizens: Lessons on the Constitution for
Junior High School Students*
A Vindication of the Rights of Women

Abramson, Jeffrey
Bailyn, Bernard
Barker, Ernest
Bentham, Jeremy
Bjournlund, Lydia D.
Burke, Edmund
de Tocqueville, Alexis
Fieth, Stacie and Neil Deason
Garraty, John A.
Hakim, Joy
Haymen, LeRoy

Hobbes, Thomas
Hobbes, Thomas
Madison, James, Alexander Hamilton, John
Jay
Jordan, Terry L.
Kammen, Michael
Levy, Leonard
Locke, John
Locke, John
Madison, James
McDonald, Forrest

McDonald, Forrest
Mill, John Stuart
Paine, Thomas
Paine, Thomas
Patrick, John J.

Peterson, Merrill D.
Rakove, Jack N.
Rousseau, Jean-Jacques
Schwartz, Bernard
Swain, Gwennyth

Upton, Rolland H.

Wagner, Kenneth A.

Wollstonecraft, Mary